



DR. VON WASHINGTON SR. INTERVIEW TWO ABSTRACT

Southwest Michigan Black Heritage Society Engaging the Wisdom Baldwin Archive Oral History Project with Kalamazoo College
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Time Segment Index

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Description of Interview Content</u>
00:32	Memories of experiences while in the Air Force
01:48	Discussion of how his time abroad informed his understanding of U.S. race relations
09:30	Reflections on whether the Black revolution has ended and how it has changed race relations
13:34	Description of experience acting as a race relations specialist while in the Air Force
16:35	Description of challenges faced while acting as a race relations specialist
19:00	Discussion of how the Air Force helped him enter into the theatre
23:21	Why it is important to be educated about Black history
25:50	Description of differences in racial dynamics in public universities versus private universities
28:39	Description of Christian values effacing black values
31:41	Discussion of how race relations have changed over his lifetime
34:42	Description of race-specific lessons that he taught his son and grandson
39:25	Discussion of current U.S. race relations
46:00	Discussion of the current racial climate in Kalamazoo compared to the past
52:00	Reflections on the extent to which students are involved in changing institutions
53:42	Description of his involvement with <i>Essence</i> magazine
55:39	Discussion of why James Baldwin's texts are important for understanding race relations
59:31	Description of his biggest accomplishment